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•Mardi Gras Dance

Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be sponsoring their annual Mardi Gras Dance party from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on March 11 in the Gold Rooms of the OC. All over the age of 18 are welcome with valid I.D. The cost is \$2 for OU students, \$1 for Greeks, and \$3 for all others. This event is non-alcoholic and all proceeds go to Haven Shelter.

•OU Journal

All students, staff, faculty, and alumni are welcome to attend the launch of the Oakland University Journal from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, March 10 in the Fireside Lounge of the OC. All attendees can meet the authors and pick up a copy of the historic publication.

•Life Seminar Today

U.M.H.E and The Honors College presents "Consciousness, Knowing and Science according to Ken Wilber" as part of their monthly Life Seminars series. Presenting Wilber's theories will be Meir Shillor, OU Professor of Mathematics and Statistics. The seminar is from 12-1 p.m. today in room 112 Vandenberg Hall. Anyone with questions can call the Honors College at (248) 370-4450.

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Cramped quarters possible in new school

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The \$17.5 million School of Business Administration Building scheduled to open in mid-July has just enough room for the 55 SBA faculty and is already too cramped to house the Information/Technology group.

Fault can be traced back to the planning stages that took place in the late '80s and to greater than expected growth of student enrollment.

In his fourth year as Dean of the School of Business Administration,

John Gardner is preparing to move the department into a brand new for the fall semester. The SBA is being built next to Varner Hall. The project was approved by the state in 1996, and site preparation began in February of 1999. At the time of approval, the current project manager, John Tower, was acting Dean.

Of major concern with the building is the size and its inability to accommodate future growth. There has been an increase in student enrollment into the SBA program as well as a growth in faculty and staff. Gardner said that student enrollment into the business

program has increased 12-15 percent, and the faculty has added ten new members, bringing their total to 55.

"Currently we have enough room for our faculty," said Gardner. "[Expansion is] something we'd have to consider. The building is built such that expansion is feasible."

According to Tower, during the planning of the building, there were 45 faculty members, and ten extra offices were included in the plans to accommodate growth.

"When we sized the building originally, we sized it somewhat small assuming we'd have to raise

funds independently," said Tower. "Everybody in Varner will move into the new business building."

Tower also said that the Information/Technology group, that isn't a part of the business school, will stay in their current location, in Varner Hall. He added that there are some spaces in the building that could be altered to accommodate new faculty members, and due to turnovers within the department, there shouldn't be concern for over capacitating.

Gardner admitted that an annex to the building may be necessary in the future.

But, former Dean Ronald

Horwitz, now a professor of finance, said, "It's not so simple to build [an annex]."

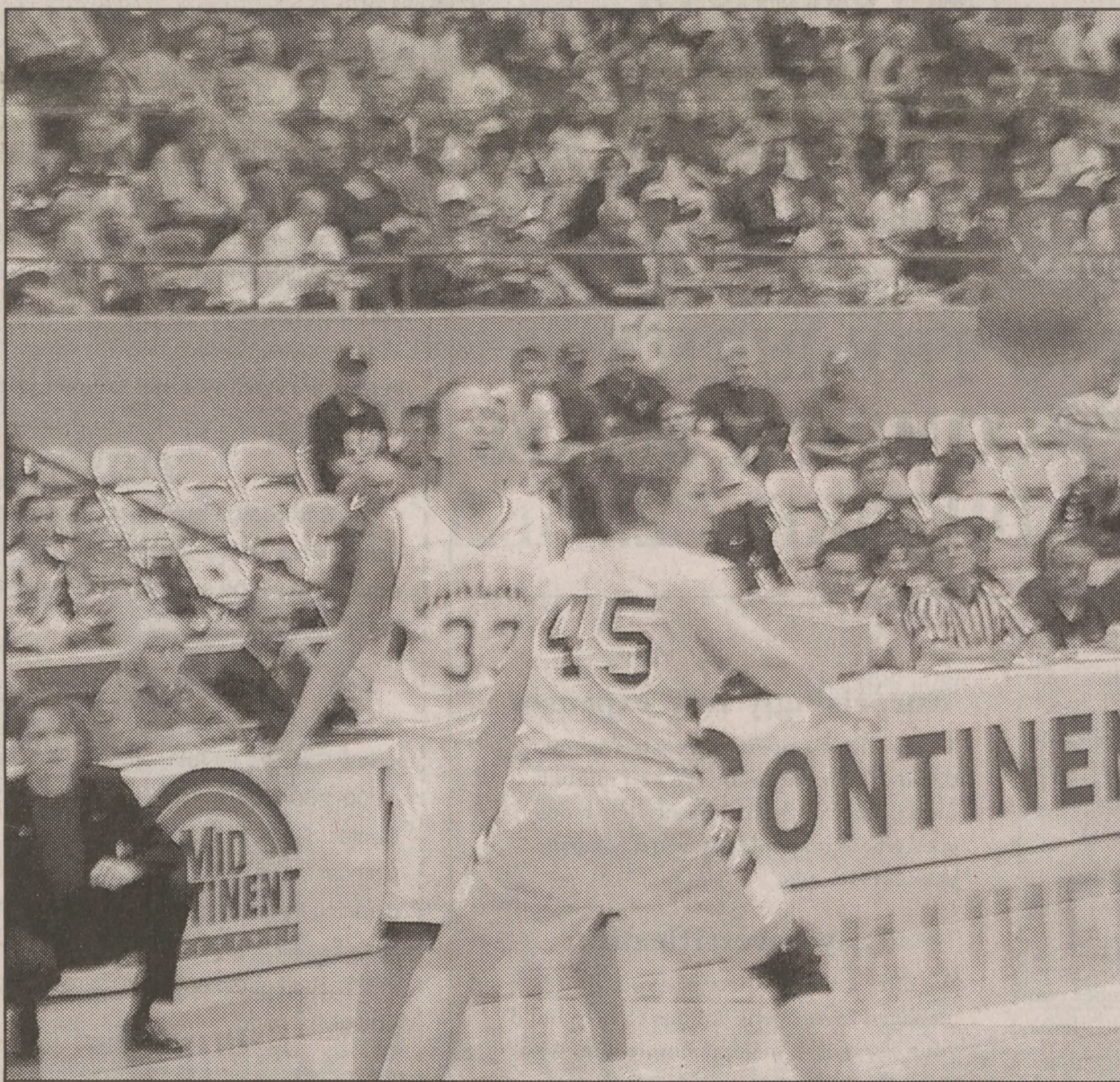
Horwitz was Dean when a stand alone facility was proposed. "Technically there is enough room for everyone. There is little room for growth," he said.

The building will house general classrooms, a television studio, a student lounge, offices for student organizations, break out rooms with internet access for six people and three lecture halls with internet access at each students desk.

Cara Plowman is a journalism sophomore and Life Editor at The Oakland Post.

Mid-Con dreams fall short

Eleven game win streak ends as Grizzly Gals make first ever appearance in tournament



Ramez Khuri/The Oakland Post

PASSING ACTION: Freshman Katie Wolfe passes the ball to a teammate during OU's 83-66 loss against the Valparaiso Crusaders in the semifinal round of the Mid-Con tournament on Monday.

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

FORT WAYNE, Ind - The OU women's dream of a Mid-Con Tournament title ended in tears Monday afternoon with a lopsided 83-66 loss to the Valparaiso Crusaders in the semifinal round.

Once again the flu bug imposed its will on this game, as it did in the quarterfinals against UMKC, but this time the Grizzlies didn't have an answer for it or Valpo's superior play.

OU's leading scorer, and member of the Grizzlies "three headed monster," Sarah Judd was sidelined for almost half the game, as she managed to play only 24 minutes scoring a season low four points. She also had three rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal. Another member of the "big three," Katie Wolfe, scored 11 points, but had to sit more in this game than usual due to early foul trouble.

With those two being restricted, the Grizzlies needed somebody else to step up. The third member of the "three headed monster," Beth Zeone did all she could, as she scored 19 points, and pulled down six rebounds, but the real story was the play of Sara Skutt.

As she did in the quarterfinals against UMKC, Skutt came in off the bench and shot an identical three for four from three point range, and five for six from the field. She scored 15 points, and pulled down four rebounds.

After the game Skutt said, "It was hard, Judd was sick, so that hurt us, but I think Katie Wolfe played the best that she possibly could, and the bench played the best that they could, and I guess we didn't have an answer for them. It didn't really help that they were nailing shots from the outside too."

The Crusaders shot a whopping 67.7 percent from the floor for the game to the Grizzlies 34.4 percent.

Head coach Becky Francis said, "We were playing man, we played zone, we tried to switch it up, and it was almost like they just felt it, and they were in the zone and when you hit a team like that, there's nothing you really can do, and I'm not going to keep harping on Judd being sick."

"I was very proud of Sara Skutt for stepping it up, but there's not really much you can do when a team is that hot," Francis said.

On Judd's illness and Wolfe's foul trouble, Francis said, "I thought that was the game. Katie and Judd are our starting four and five, and that really hurt us, we have some youth coming in off the bench but Becky Barok actually had a stress fracture all season, and she came in a little raw but she did a good job...the depth at the post position is something that we really need to get better at."

Ramez Khuri is a journalism junior and also the assistant sports editor of The Oakland Post.

Upcoming BOT meeting agenda

WHEN: March 9, 2000 @ 2 p.m.

WHERE: The Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center

I. High-Speed Academic and Research Network (OU NET).

II. Approval of Board Members for Public School Academies.

III. Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Award and Human Relations Award.

IV. Oakland Center Partial Roof Replacement

V. Custodial Services.

VI. Architect for the Education and Human Services Building.

VII. Repair of John Dodge House Exterior.

VIII. Golf Cars for the Golf Courses.

schedule info

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THIS WEEK

• **This Saturday, March 11th** is the next **Campus Recreation Family Free Day Open House**. There will be two to three special events that will be suitable for family and friends of all ages. Come join in the fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **New Careers in Telecommunications Seminar March 15, 2000, 12:00-1:30 PM**. To be held in Gold Rooms B & C at the Oakland Center. Come and listen to broadband representatives from Comcast, AT&T and Media One discuss industry overview, career planning information, areas of operation and internship opportunities. Broadband is building high-tech networks. Where do you fit in??? Refreshments will be served. Companies will have displays and giveaways.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Oakland University Service Awards are available to recognize OU students and student organizations involved in volunteer services both on and off campus. Up to 20 awards of \$500 each are available to individual returning students each year. Up to 10 student organization awards of \$500 each are also available.

Applications are now available through the Dean of Students Office, Room 144, OC.

The deadline for both individual and group applications is March 15th.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Apply now for the position of Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees. Deadline is **March 31, 2000**. The liaisons attend all meetings of the OU Board of Trustees in order to represent student interests on university issues. Applications are available in 144 Oakland Center or Student Congress Office.

CRIME watch

• Last Monday a female driver reported that while her 97 Mazda four door gold car was parked in P-1 Lot in front of the Foundation Halls, someone hit her car, damaging the driver's side front fender.

• On Feb 17 a female student and her parents were walking back to their car after watching a basketball game at Lepley Sports Center when the student tripped over a rise in the sidewalk. She landed on her face and chipped two of her teeth and broke her finger as was reported to the OUPD the following week. It is unknown if the sidewalk will be fixed or not.

• Yesterday morning a senior citizen involved in OU's Cardiac Rehab Program was walking on a track by the pavilion and she reported feeling dizzy. She was taken to a testing area where two physicians looked her over and proceeded to call an ambulance.

• On Feb 23 a woman was riding in an elevator in Kresge Library when instead of stopping on the first floor, it stopped below, leaving 8"-12" of floor exposed which the woman tripped over. The woman sustained minor injuries and received medical attention at Graham Health Center.

Former student pulls transcript heist

By Joe Gray
OF THE OAKLAND POST

A former student was detained by OU police in the parking lot outside of Varner Hall Friday after he was identified as the man who allegedly stole a box of blank transcript paper from the Registrar's office two days earlier.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said the man was not arrested but admitted to taking the transcript papers. Gilroy said the police retrieved the transcript papers from the man's apartment with the suspect's consent.

Blank transcript paper is valuable because it can be used to forge an entire educational

history providing "proof" of a degree in any field with any grade point average.

According to a police report, the white male suspect, who has not been identified, entered the Registration office in 101 O'Dowd Hall and told an employee that he was looking for some "control paper." The assistant told the man she did not know what he was talking about. He then told her what he needed was in the next office (102 O'Dowd Hall). The assistant thought he was legitimate and let him enter the next office.

When the suspect entered 102 O'Dowd Hall, he told the office assistant there he was from the "Arts and Sciences Department" and there to pickup "safety papers" so his

department could run "certificate jobs." The office assistant was unsure of what he wanted and asked him again what he wanted.

The suspect then picked up a box containing approximately 15-20 sheets of transcript papers and said he wanted some "document control papers". He then asked for the office extension number and where the storage room was located. The assistant said the man appeared to be in a hurry and left the office with the box of transcript papers.

According to the police report, the theft may have been linked to an individual who allegedly forged an OU transcript to obtain employment. Gilroy said OUPD used this information to develop what he called a

"suspect profile."

No charges have been filed and the police are still determining whether to prosecute Gilroy said. If the suspect is charged, he may only face a simple larceny charge, Gilroy said.

"What we are dealing with is while a (blank) transcript is of value, the paper is of minimal value," Gilroy said.

He declined to speculate why the suspect may have wanted the transcript paper. Gilroy said this is the first time transcript paper has been stolen from OU.

Joe Gray is a journalism senior and also the Managing Editor at The Oakland Post.

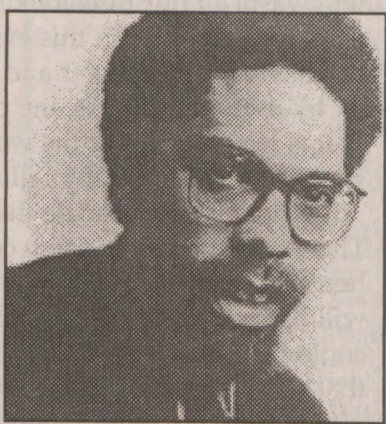
New store stocks shelves of groceries

STUDENT SHOPPERS: OU students (from left to right), freshmen LaTwanda Riley, and Natasha Henry scan over the rows of soups and cereal in the newly remodeled Beer Lake Yacht Club.



Beer Lake Yacht Club, located in East Vandenberg Hall, offers students the option to do quick-stop shopping. The on-campus general store carries a variety of canned and dry goods. Students can purchase cold beverages and munchies to snack on. The Yacht Club accepts cash, Spiritcash and declining balance points. Students can shop till they drop during the store hours of 11 a.m.-11p.m.

Harvard Professor speaks on "Race Matters"



Dr. Cornel West, Professor of Afro-American studies and philosophy of religion at Harvard University will be speaking on "Race Matters."

West has been described as one of America's most important public intellectuals.

He is one of the first African-American scholars to be appointed to Harvard University's highest faculty post, university professor, a title held by only 14 of Harvard's 2,200 faculty members.

Admission is free, but tickets are required for admittance. Tickets are available at the Center for Student Activities service window, 49 OC.

The lecture will take place Thursday, March 9 at 4 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

BOT accepting liaison applicants

Each year President Russi selects two students to serve as liaisons to the Board of Trustees. Student who are interested have until March 31 to apply for the positions.

Applications are available at the Student Affairs office, located at 144 OC, Student Congress office, 62 OC and the Center for Student Activities office, 49 OC.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (28 of the credit hours must be from OU), and must not currently hold any other major elected office.

Each student liaison is responsible for serving as a non-voting voice on student issues at all BOT meetings.

Board meetings are held once every month in the Gold Rooms of the OC.

Applications can be turned in at the Student Affairs Office. For further information, please call (248) 370-4200.

Student body president applauds effort

STUDENTS FIRST!!

As I stood at the podium last Wednesday in the Fireside Lounge introducing President Russi to give his formal decision to move commencement back outdoors, I couldn't help but realize that this is the reason I love my job. The ability to participate in and encourage major decisions around campus on behalf of students truly is what it's all about. That day was what I consider to be the culmination of almost a year's worth of work advocating the rights of



NICK MITCHELL

students around campus. I ran for President last March under the simple slogan of STUDENTS FIRST!! in an effort to increase the awareness and appreciation of student rights and approval at this university. I am proud to

say that the effort is beginning to pay off.

When the decision to move graduation indoors rather than its traditional spot at Meadowbrook Music Theater, you acted. Led by the tremendous efforts of Rick Durso and Carrie Goclan, an organized and concise student position was made perfectly clear: we do not want to graduate in a gym. A petition containing 2,500 signatures, along with a couple meetings with the President, forced a re-evaluation of the situation. And the result was a resounding victory for the students of Oakland University!

All too often we complain

that the University does not care about students, or that the student voice is not worthy of notice. These myths couldn't be further from the truth. The real truth is that we are usually just too lazy or pessimistic to do anything about it. This is one of those rare occasions when somebody finally had enough and was willing to fight it out to the end. We need more students like Rick and Carrie, we need to have the next several Student Body Presidents to be ready and willing to do everything in their power to make the student voice heard, and most importantly, we need to have a student body who isn't afraid of rock-

ing the boat.

So thank you for giving me one of the most memorable and proudest moments as your Student Body President. To be a part of such a wonderful cause and to have made an effect on the university as a whole is what every President strives for. Everybody involved with this movement ended on the winning side, but no one more than the students of Oakland University.

As always, my name is Nick Mitchell, and thank you so much for your support.

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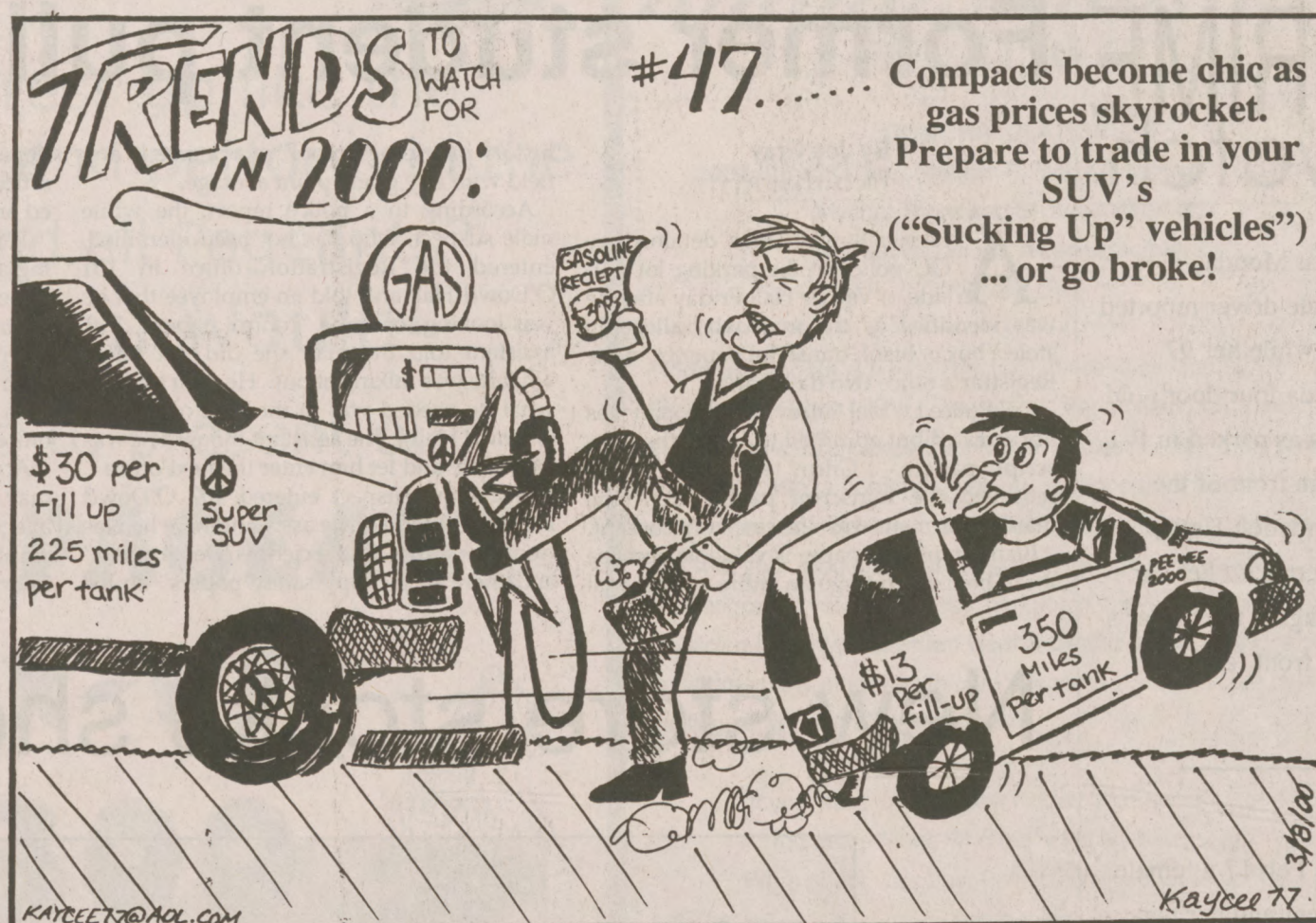
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SETTING IT straight

This space is reserved to correct factual errors that appear in **The Oakland Post**

EDITOR'S view

No excuse for slaying of a child

While most of OU enjoyed Spring break by relaxing or attending parties or traveling to the sun belt, a six-year-old child was gunned down at school - by another first grader.

Kayla Rolland was killed after an apparent argument with a classmate. The six-year-old alleged shooter later told police he only wanted to "scare" Kayla, and he did not mean to harm the little girl. He took the gun used in the killing from home.

Just when I thought we, as a society, couldn't get worse, we lowered the bar another few feet.

As with the Columbine shootings and the Nathaniel Abraham trial, people are lining up on all sides of every hot issue. Are parents to blame? Should we ban guns? Why couldn't the school protect that child? Was the shooter's mind warped by the violent images from TV, movies and video games?

ENOUGH! Damn it, a little girl is dead, and we will waste all our time looking for a reason. We want to put a face on this evil incident. We want to be able to point a finger and make ourselves feel better by thinking there is one person or specific cause that is responsible for the worst imaginable horror we can witness - a baby killing another baby.

But there is no rationale that can explain this away. There was no way to see it coming. The incomprehensible truth is something this horrible or worse will happen again. And again...I hate to think what could be worse than this, but something will happen that will lower the bar once again.

If we were not scared before, then we should be now. What happened to Kayla could happen to anyone. Your son or daughter or niece or nephew or you could be next.

What if the nine-year-old child from down the street hits a baseball through your window? You tell his parents, and he gets mad at you. How will he respond? Now, you have to be concerned for your life.

If you think I am overreacting, ask Kayla's family what they think. I doubt they will ever feel safe again.

I offer no words of comfort because there are none, and there should not be any spoken. There is no excuse for this atrocity.

We must now live with the repercussions of this shooting. We will live with the fear and the questions and the pain.

For Kayla's family, we can only offer our prayers and hope they can find some way to live with the pain.

For Kayla, we must try to make sure this kind of thing never happens again, but it will.

That may sound defeatist, but there is not much to be optimistic about when a child is killed by the hand of another child.

Joe Gray
Managing Editor

READERS response

What are your thoughts on the shooting of a first grader by a classmate in Flint?

"It's sad that the uncle did not have enough respect for the child or someone else's child by keeping a gun where the boy could get it. Now a child is dead."

Mary Payne
Aramarck employee

"It was an absolute senseless tragedy. There has never been more of a justification for gun control legislation. The most immediate problem starts with the family. You need to have a strong parental unit."

Carly Nelson
Junior
Political Science

"I feel so bad for the girl's parents. We need to get the guns out of the hands of the kids. We need to teach the kids that guns kill and are not to be played with."

David Bolter
Rochester resident

"It was so awful, but it shows how bad things are getting around here. I was shocked by it, but I was totally not surprised by it."

R. Ringham
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Undecided



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I think all those professors who assigned so much homework over the break forgot what it was like to go to school

Now that the students spoke out and won the graduation issue, do you think we could do something about the ridiculous fee they charge for the rec-center?



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really, really, really
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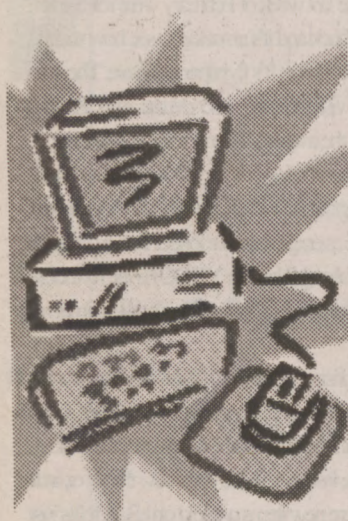
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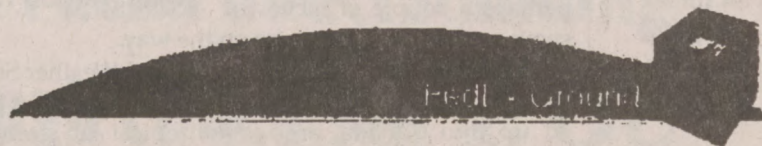
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Weather or not... Spring fever is here to stay

By Mike Hoban
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The first few days of March this year came in like a lamb, but will it leave like a lion in this month's reversal of the adage "March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb?"

With temperatures in the 70s, it has felt more like Florida than Michigan recently; but not for long. Cold weather and perhaps a couple of inches of snow on the ground may be on the way.

Forecaster Greg Smith of the National Weather Service explained that this weather isn't very unusual for March. A polar jet migrated up into Canada, and a subtropical jet strengthened, which caused a shot of warmer air up in to the Great Lakes region from the Southern Plains. This caused the recent temperature boost, into the low 70-degree level for Tuesday and Wednesday, which may well have broken the record high of 72 degrees in Michigan, set in 1987.

Don't get too excited—pack away the sun tan lotion and beach towels, because the warm streak should come to an end Thursday when the polar jet sags back south and more seasonable temperatures will prevail. There is even a chance of a couple of inches of snow by Saturday.

"Unfortunately, that's typical March weather in the Great Lakes," Smith said. "The snow will stick and we will have a couple of inches, but we aren't going to dive into a deep freeze. It will stay on the ground for a few days and then it'll be gone."

According to Smith, the snow will mostly fall between the Michigan and Ohio border and north up to Flint. He was unsure if there would be enough snowfall to please snowmobilers for one last jaunt this winter.

This warm weather does have an effect on crops and landscaping. Usually a warm spell wouldn't affect crops too much because the ground stays frozen, but since there have been so many warm days the ground has thawed, causing trees and vegetation to react to the thaw. "As a matter of fact, there are trees and bushes that have already budded," said Smith. "Fortunately, the buds are tightly packed so even a moderate frost doesn't do much damage." However, some damage may occur to trees, shrubs, and vegetation with the expected return to snowy weather.

On the changing forecast, Jerry Hodak, Chief Forecaster for WXYZ-TV7 said the warm streak is a combination of things: warm weather, the lack of snowfall, and a lack of ice on the lakes. It's a trend that began in late February and will continue all month. "It's a spring time pattern and it would take a real sharp, prolonged cold snap now to return us to a winter setting," Hodak said.

Hodak predicts that temperatures will drop by the end of the week, "but nothing harsh or bitter," he said. "We will fall below freezing, but temperatures will remain above normal or near normal for this time of



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SWINGIN' GOOD TIME: Spring fever strikes early, as a young girl enjoys the weather in the City of Rochester Park.



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SPRING BREAK: Students take advantage of Florida-like temperatures Tuesday, making going back to class indoors difficult.

the year. It's not going to be enough to turn the tide and go back into the dead of winter again. I think we've turned the corner on it."

Chuck Gattica, Chief Forecaster for WDIV channel 4, further explained the unusually warm temperatures as the product of a "split jetstream. One branch of the jetstream flows north and the other branch flows south," he said. "For the longest time, the northern branch has dumped a lot of snow storms. Because the warmer air from the southern stream is penetrating the region and the U.S., we did not get a large amount of snow."

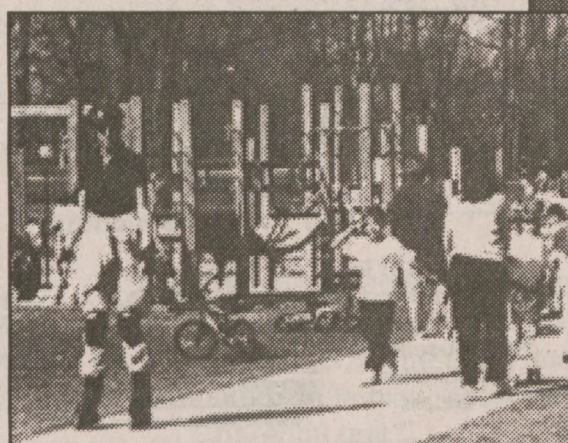
According to Gattica, colder temperatures originate when the wind blows over snowy areas. With no snow on the ground, the temperature has increased steadily.

"These warmer temperatures will last a couple of days longer, but expect temperatures in the middle of next week to go back to normal."

Some advice from Gattica: "Don't let your guard down. My gut feeling tells me that the weather will continue to be pleasant. But, we've had some of the biggest snow storms in April. Warm weather has preceded snow storms that have hit in March and April."

Interestingly enough, the Farmer's Almanac had a fairly accurate prediction for the month of March. The week of the 4th through the 7th, "Stormy weather most sections; thunderstorms rapidly roll east through Wisconsin, Michigan, points east, then clearing," was the prediction. For the week of the 12th through the 15th, "Fair and windy" was the prediction. And for the gardeners in the student body, the 7th through the 11th, "Cultivate and spray, do general farm work, but no planting; favorable for planting crops bearing yield above the ground."

According to the Almanac, March may well go out like a lion—it predicts showers and wind and clouds, mixed with some sunshine.



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PAINT CREEK TRAIL: Roller blading is one of the many outdoor activities suddenly available due to the unseasonably warm weather.

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Stupor Tuesday

The polls are closed. The halls have been cast. And, with 94% of the precincts reporting, we here at Fool Central can officially project Wall Street as today's loser.

The incumbent bull got booted around a bit. The Dow Jones Industrial Average approached the podium all teary-eyed, trying to explain to its backers why it plunged back below 10,000. The spin doctors will try to explain it away as some connective fluke. The bears will be all giddy as they strap on riot gear and make their way down to the bomb shelter. But can I ask you to try something else? Can I ask you to walk away from the data, wolf down a Frappuccino—because, hey, Starbucks (Nasdaq: SBUX) needs some lovin' too—and tell yourself that it takes more than a snapshot to make a moving picture.

The 3.7% slide might seem like a lot, especially to folks who would need a year in a money market bank account to make that back, but isn't that the point? That your money is NOT in the bank or under your mattress? That today's losses can be tomorrow's gains? In a New York Stock Exchange minute it can all change.

While the other indices fared better, the Nasdaq losing just 1.2% today while the S&P shed 2.6%, our Rule Breaker took the hardest hit. Down 4.7%. Without a 'Net too since the carnage came mostly from Celera's (NYSE: CRA) 27 point drop, not our Internet stronghold. Celera is our largest holding right now. Who would've thunk that just a few months ago? In a New York Stock Exchange minute, folks. Everything can change.

So the ticker tape parade has been postponed and I have to call off the caravan. It's a shame too because I knew just where I was going to find the wheels. Today, eBay (Nasdaq: EBAY) announced that it would be teaming up with AutoTrader.com to offer its fleet of used car listings at www.ebay-autotrader.com. This is no tiny drive-by venture. AutoTrader has five million unique visitors pulling into its virtual driveway every month, 40,000 used car dealers, 250,000 private sellers, 1.5 million second-hand automobiles.

Those are impressive sums until one considers that eBay generates as many unique visitors in a single week as AutoTrader does in a month. For every car listed on AutoTrader there are three items on the block on eBay where the inventory gets turned over every week. There is also the matter of compulsion. AutoTrader is event driven. Except for that one time every few years when one is carhunting, there is little reason to know what Ford Mustang convertibles are fetching in Twin Falls, Idaho.

eBay has become an addiction. The Nielsen ratings for the last week of February were released a few days back and it's amazing to see how sticky eBay has become. It's flypaper incarnate. The average eBay visit turns into a 55 minute affair. Keep in mind that the average Internet session, the entire online experience, averages just over half an hour. Mindboggling isn't it? eBay is the only top-ranked site where average stays are longer than a complete session. Yahoo! (Nasdaq: YHOO) is the next closest, but it clocks in at just half of eBay's raw animal magnetism.

It's surprising to see how shares of eBay were held in check these last few months. I mean, sure, it didn't run up with the traditional e-tailers over the holiday season late last year. Folks want new things or, in the cases where new items are sold on eBay, folks just don't have the time to enter a bidding war for holiday gifts. Fine. But now in the afterglow, how can one not admire the one company that excels at luring customers in and then shackling their eyeballs?

Online users will head over to a portal's search engine, or launch off their service provider's homepage, only to go elsewhere. These are just pit stops along the way. eBay is both the journey and the destination.

For every passing fancy that I have had, from animated art to musical gear to domain name collecting, I have always found myself parked on eBay with my cleats digging deeper and deeper into the soil.

So now that dirt comes with trademarks courtesy of AutoTrader. Like eBay, the second-hand car specialist serves merely as the intermediary. The buyer and seller agree on a selling price and work out the details themselves. I wonder how much UPS charges for boxing a 1996 Miata? Or maybe it's best to hold on to that motor, like a long-term investing approach, and keep the engine running? Four more years?

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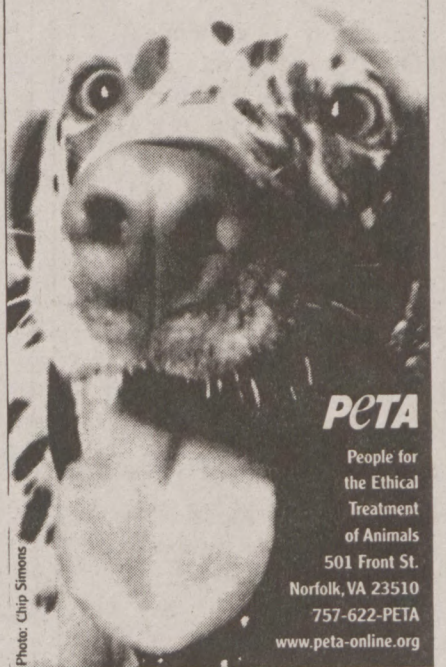
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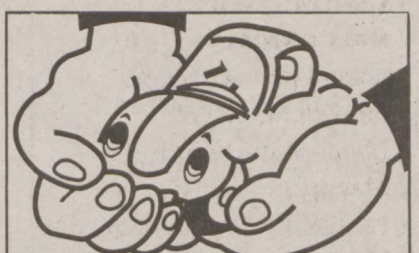
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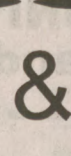
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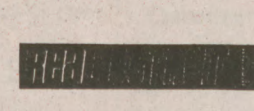
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UPCOMING GAMES

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

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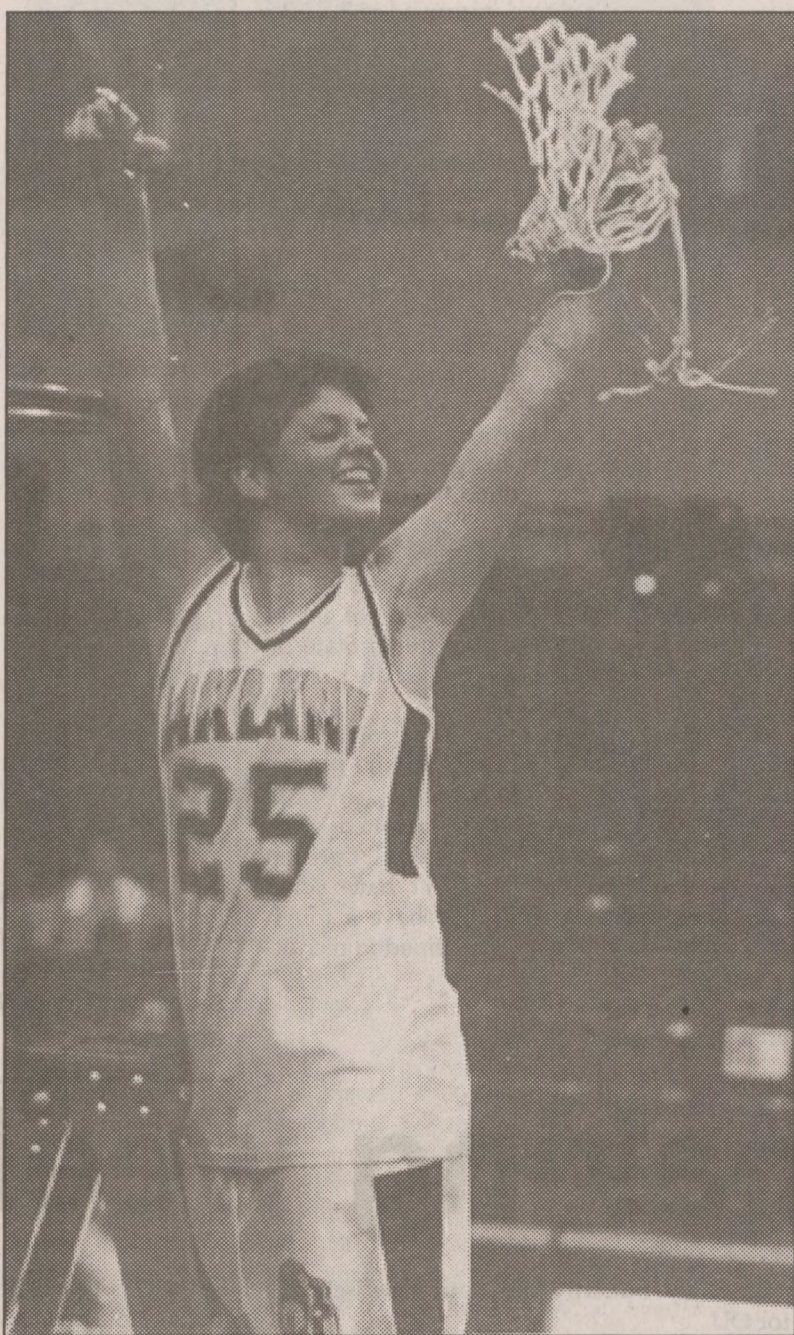
ALSO HAPPENING

•Georgi Kinsela, member of the Women's Swimming team broke four school records at the NIC Championship meet including three NIC Meet records.

Gracie Bender and Danielle Ward also broke school records at the NIC.

•OU's Myke Thom was named to the Men's Basketball GTE Academic All-District team for District IV.

To be nominated, the student athlete must be a starter and have at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.20.



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ROAD TO SUCCESS: Sara Skutt takes down the net after the victory that sent them to the Mid-Con tournament in first place.

Shot at the Championship

By Ramez Khuri
OF THE OAKLAND POST

FORT WAYNE, IND- After ending the regular season riding a ten game win streak, OU's women's basketball team confidently stormed Fort Wayne for the Mid-Con Tournament.

Looking to pick up where it left off in the regular season, the team played its first ever Mid-Con quarterfinals game against UMKC on Saturday, winning 68-63.

Sara Skutt described the atmosphere before the game. "I don't really get nervous, but as for the team, during warm-ups they were kind of dead. I was looking at some of the younger players, and you could just see they were looking around, but it's all just experience that comes from playing and as soon as the ball tips it usually just goes away, I think for everybody."

Early on it looked as if it was going to be a typical OU game, as the Grizzlies took an early ten point lead, and a 37-26 advantage to half-time, but then the Kangaroos decided to make a game of it.

UMKC came out fired up in the second half, and eventually cut OU's lead to two points with just

over six minutes left in the game. However, the Kangaroos came no closer than that.

Sarah Judd said, "We didn't let up on them, but after we beat them a week ago by a lot, they came in here and played a good game, and I don't think we expected it. But it is always hard to beat a team three times in a row."

As OU has shown time and time again, the Grizzlies really know how to handle adversity, and always seem to make it look easy.

This time that adversity came in the form of the flu. Katie Wolfe, a member of the "big three" or "three-headed monster" was bit by the bug the night before the game.

Head coach Beckie Francis said, "She was throwing up since 3 a.m. She threw up on the bus, in the locker room, during warm ups, and we just asked her, Katie, can you go, and she said I can go... that just shows her guts. She went through the whole game being sick and only asked for a sub twice, and we got her right back in."

Wolfe finished the game with ten points, three rebounds and two assists in 33 minutes of playing time. Not bad for her condition.

Skutt, who filled in nicely for the

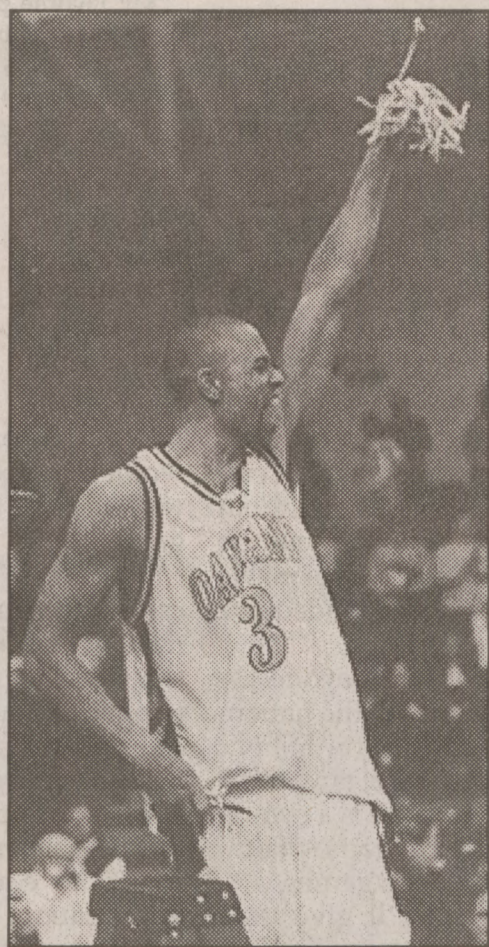
struggling Wolfe, finished the game with 13 points on 5-6 shooting. She also had four rebounds, two assists and one steal.

"That was huge, I think she might be averaging two points a game if that, and coming in, I think she was averaging 20 percent from the field for the year, and she came in and shot five for six, but what was more important, Sara Skutt played great defense, and we have always relied on her defense. She is one of our best defenders," Francis said.

The other two members of the "big three," Beth Zeone and Judd also scored in double figures. Zeone shot 3 for 4 from the three point line, scored 13 points, and had two rebounds and two assists. As usual Judd was all-world with 26 points, five rebounds, five blocks, one assist and one steal. Courtney Ruffing also had a big game with 11 rebounds, seven assists, six points and one steal.

Skutt said, "Courtney and I were rooming together last night, and all we were saying was, 'we are going to make it to Monday, and after Monday we are going to make it to Tuesday, and we want to win the tournament.'"

OU clinches first place in Mid-Con



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CUT IT OFF: After the men claimed first place in the Mid-Con on Saturday, Thom takes down the net in celebration.



Photo courtesy of the Oakland Athletic Department

CHAMPIONS: The women's basketball team defeated Oral Roberts on Feb. 26 and walked away first in the Mid-Con. The women then traveled to Fort Wayne, IN, to compete in the Mid-Con Tournament.

Grizzly class acts dominate Mid-Continent Conference

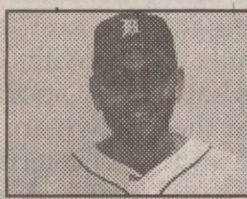
I feel like I just saw the greatest movie of all time, although it wasn't a movie at all, it was real life. This basketball season couldn't have been more perfect if it were scripted.

When that final buzzer sounded on Feb. 26, and OU's men's and women's basketball teams each won the Mid-Con title, that moment ranks up there as one of the greatest sports moments that I have ever seen, and certainly one that I will never forget.

Being from Detroit, I have seen five professional cham-

pionships in my 23 years of living, and each one was special in its own way, but nothing can compare with what happened that Saturday night.

I say this because I wrote about the women's team for two seasons, and the men's team for one season, and I got to be on a first name basis with most of the players and coaches, and I always feel that I am among friends whenever I speak with them.



RAMEZ KHURI

That personal quality is what made this whole thing extra special for me.

Earlier in the season, Tish Martin told me that she and her teammates were a family, and at the time I thought, yeah, right, whatever.

Now I understand what she meant by that.

Images like Myke Thom hugging that Mid-Con trophy, with a smile on his face that could never be wiped

off, Sara Skutt running around with the basketball net around her neck that she finished cutting off, and Becky Barok hugging her senior friend and teammate, Terry Hermanova, who played her last game in the 'O' rena as a Golden Grizzly will not soon be forgotten.

Another thing is that I have never seen a classier bunch of athletes than these two teams.

Everyone from the six graduating seniors, to the coaching staffs, to the rest of the players have been class acts all around, and for that rea-

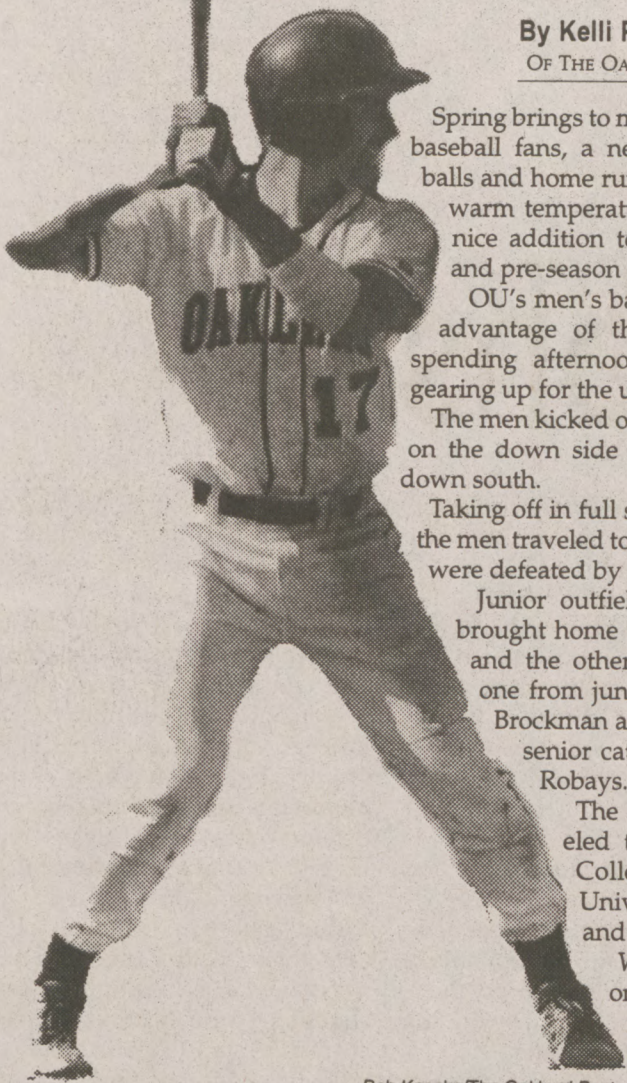
son, I thank you, men's and women's basketball teams, for making my job so easy and fun, and for answering all of my questions, (no matter how stupid they were), and for providing this campus with great basketball all season long.

I can't wait for the sequel, if it's anything as the original, it's sure to be a blockbuster hit!

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Spring fever hits OU

By Kelli Petrove
OF THE OAKLAND POST



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Spring brings to mind one thing for baseball fans, a new season of fly balls and home runs. Unseasonably warm temperatures have been a nice addition to spring training and pre-season games.

OU's men's baseball team took advantage of the nice weather, spending afternoons on the field gearing up for the upcoming season.

The men kicked off the new season on the down side with an 0-3 loss down south.

Taking off in full swing on Feb. 22, the men traveled to Auburn, AL and were defeated by Auburn 8-4.

Junior outfielder Casey Caid brought home two runs for OU and the other two runs were one from junior infielder Rob Brockman and the other was senior catcher Chuck Van Robays.

The men then traveled to Georgia State College and State University on Feb. 23 and lost 3-6.

With three losses on the road, the men still managed to impress coaches.

"The pitching staff is doing well, despite the losses," Assistant coach Andy Fairman said.

Despite the losing streak, the men pulled it together after facing high ranking competition and defeated West Georgia twice during a double header on Feb. 26.

The first game sent a lot of runs home with a final score of 12-10 in favor of OU.

The Grizzlies faced this game with a new confidence and showed teeth when Brockman brought home four runs and three RBI. Van Robays ran the bases three times and batted one other player into home base.

Sophomore pitcher Gordon Hosbein threw five strike outs and allowed nine hits.

The second game was more of the same, with the Grizzlies coming out on top. A final score of 5-4 improved the Grizzlies record to 2-6.

Junior infielder Erik Crossley had two runs and one RBI. Junior infielder Jeremy Isherwood had three hits and two RBI.

Three pitchers faced West Georgia in the second game, junior Kurt Spyke with one strike out, junior Justin Robertson with another strike out and junior Trevor Seyka.

With different players doing well in each game dominate players are hard to find so far.

"It's hard to tell who will dominate the season yet, it's too early to tell," Fairman

said.

The men's record improved to 3-8 after playing a double header against Kennesaw State on Feb. 29. OU lost the first game 14-6, but came back to win the second game 7-3.

The men's baseball team is led by Head coach Mark Avery who joined the team mid-season last year. Two assistant coaches who help out the team are Fairman and undergraduate Greg Rogers.

The men will host Eastern Michigan on March 18 for the first home game of the season.

"The first home series against Eastern is going to be pretty big games because of the in-state competition," Fairman said.

However, winning at home isn't what is ruling on the minds of the baseball team now, winning league games is.

"We have seven non-conference games before we play at Youngstown State on April 1 and 2, that's what we are preparing for," Fairman said.

Many new players have joined the Grizzly team thanks to Division I recruiting efforts.

"All the players we recruited were Division I caliber, if we were still Division II they probably wouldn't have come here," Fairman said. "We have a tough schedule, and that also helped in recruiting."

Baseball Roster

Name	Pos.	Year
Kirk Anderson	RHP	Fr.
Michael Bennion	IF	So.
Sean Boesch	RHP	Sr.
Rob Brockman	IF	Jr.
Brent Brown	LHP	Fr.
Casey Caid	OF	Jr.
Erik Crossley	IF	Jr.
Nick DiPonio	OF	So.
Matt Gabrielli	C	So.
Jeff Gatch	RHP	Jr.
Jeff Hall	OF	Fr.
Kip Harris	OF	Jr.
John Hitt	OF	Fr.
Gordon Hosbein	RHP	So.
Spencer Hynes	OF	Fr.
Jeremy Isherwood	IF	Jr.
Chris Kimball	IF	So.
Anthony Marulli	C	Fr.
Mike Patterson	C	So.
Josh Patton	OF	Fr.
Jason Roberts	LHP	Jr.
Justin Robertson	RHP	Jr.
Trevor Seyka	RHP	Jr.
Adam Sokoll	RHP	Jr.
Kurt Spyke	LHP	Jr.
Erick Swanson	LHP	Jr.
Chuck Van Robays	C	Sr.
Peter Varon	1B/DH	So.

Coaches

Head Coach: Mark Avery
Assistant Coach: Andy Fairman
Assistant Coach/Undergraduate: Greg Rogers

Impressive Finish

Georgi Kinsela broke the following records: 100y breaststroke, 1:03.35; 200y breaststroke, 2:15.82; and was a member of the 200y medley relay consisting of Yvonne Lynn, Veronika Frolova and Danielle Ward. The relay team broke the record with a time of 1:44.57. Kinsela is the first OU athlete to be invited to NCAA competition since the move to Division I.

Danielle Ward broke the 1650y freestyle record with her time of 16:57.95.

Gracie Bender broke the 100y butterfly record with a 57.26.

By Lisa Cali
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The big accomplishment of the NIC Championship Meet was Georgi Kinsela being invited to the NCAA finals. She will be the first athlete from OU to compete at the NCAA final level since the move to Division I.

Georgi Kinsela led the way for the women, setting four school records and three NIC records. She won both the 100y and 200y breaststroke and set NIC records of 1:03.35 and 2:15.82 respectively. Kinsela also was on the record setting 200y medley relay team with Yvonne Lynn, Veronika Frolova and Danielle Ward. They placed first in the competition and set a new NIC record of 1:44.57.

School records were also set by Ward and Gracie Bender. Ward's second place finish of 16:57.95 in the 1650y freestyle and Bender's second place finish of

57.26 in the 100y butterfly are both new school records for OU.

The women were looking grim after the first day. "The first day didn't go the way we planned, but we outscored every team the last two days," Head Women's coach Scott Teeters said. "We had some surprises, Kristen Kurssis won the 400y individual medley and Dayna Azzopardi placed third in the 3m diving."

At the end of the three-day meet, the women were in second place, scoring 608 points, and the men placed third with 548.5 points.

"We wanted to win, but we are closer than we have ever been," Teeters said. "We turned heads two years in a row."

Both the men's and women's swim teams were successful in meeting many of their goals at the NIC Championship Meet last weekend.

"This whole year was very rewarding for us,"

Head Men's coach Pete Hovland said. "This was a good end to a great season."

The men also took on the pool with a vengeance and worked on improvement.

The men were hoping to move up a spot from their fourth place finish last year, and going into the last day of the meet they were 65 points behind Florida Atlantic University and still struggling to move up to where they wanted to be.

The meet came down to the last event of the meet, the 800y freestyle relay, and the men pulled through. The team of Dave Hartzel, Haitham Hassan, Nick Sosnowski and Thiago Orso won the relay with a time of 6:40.51, beating FAU by about one second.

"My favorite part of the meet was watching the men's relay try to beat FAU in the last event," Teeters said. "The guys pulled for the girls and the girls pulled for the guys. It hasn't always been like that."

Equality lacking in support of athletes

By John Stoll
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

The last time I went to a women's basketball game at the 'O'Rena, I felt as if I were attending a junior varsity high school game.

The start time was around the time that most of us get off of work, so while the players were driving down to the basket, I was stuck somewhere out on southbound I-75.

Once I finally got there, the stands were practically empty, and there was very little energy anywhere in the place, save the women on the basketball floor. And, after the women had won their game handily, they showered, granted a few interviews and then faithfully awaited the big event of the night: the men's game.

The women's games this year averaged just around 480 people per game, while the men's more than triple that figure.

I'm a little disappointed both in myself, as well as in the community at large as we have mostly forgotten this troop of warriors fighting for the sake of our school's name. And, may I add, fighting quite well.

OU is experiencing a basketball high point this year with both its men's and women's teams reaching the pinnacle of college athletics greatness: Conference Champions. Both Greg Kampe and Becky Francis made us proud by netting the Mid-Con's Coach of the Year award while coaching players like Brad Buddenborg, Sarah Judd and Katie Wolfe to First Team All Conference honors. Then there's the women's overwhelming success in the Mid-Con tournament at that ended Monday night in Fort Wayne.

However, when it comes to bringing a school publicity through media and attendance, it's not just about producing a winning basketball team, it's about winning in the right arena.

Take the Valparaiso team for instance. Two years ago they tugged the sympathies of basketball fans across the nation by chiseling away win after win at the Final Four establishment.

Immediately after their storybook run, admissions inquiries were up, national media attention was running like water, and the donors were giving like never before. This gave something to Valpo that most schools spend millions of dollars and years trying to establish; RESPECTABILITY.

I guess there is nothing like winning a couple of basketball games in front of a few million viewers to boost the reputation of a learning institution.

I hope that what happened for Valpo will eventually happen for OU in years to come if we stay consistent in recruiting the top available players and continue to harbor such intense competitiveness as was demonstrated this year.

Still, just as it happened at Valpo, respectability will come when our men's team shines. No matter how well the women do, nothing can replace winning in the men's NCAA National Tournament.

The fact of the matter is that women's basketball just doesn't offer the appeal that the opposite sex does in the national media and among college boosters.

When's the last time you heard about the University of Tennessee's women's basketball program or even Michigan's?

While I have to admit that while the athletic department has done well to pay equal salaries for men's and women's coaching, as well maxing out scholarship offerings across the board, the attendance disparity still exists and will continue until OU women's basketball develops its own separate identity.

What needs to happen is the formulation of a separate basketball culture on this cam-

pus where the women get respect for their exclusive program. The women need a culture where two programs can exist without one being subservient to the other, culture where the women are given a reasonable game time and promoted with adequate publicity.

Still, the problem extends well beyond the boundaries of OU, as it shines in the national spotlight. Go home and turn on ESPN's SportsCenter or Fox Sports or any other sports channel, and all you'll see is a combination of the high profile NBA games, faithfully followed by men's college games.

Then, if there is time, they'll give us a glance into the world of women's basketball. It seems to be the opinion of the publisher of Sport's Illustrated that the only sport that women can truly participate in (and sell magazines at the same time) is posing in a dental floss-sized bathing suit.

We have fallen into the same trap when the best thing affiliated with OU women and sports is Karen Newman.

The terrible thing is that we at OU have bought it all by settling for the status quo. We have bought into the big money contracts, the shoe deals, the NBA draft and the rest of the madness, forgetting the real essence of the game: inclusive, celebrated participation. Somehow, we have invested all we have

into a high profile men's game and, if our women happen to win, then good for us - we'll be sure to stay for the 7:30 p.m. men's game.

In the end, what really needs to happen can not be figured into the athletic department's budget or planned in the Lepley Center's boardroom, because it needs to happen in the minds of the students that call this campus home. We need to make it a point to support all of our women's sports here on campus just as well as we do the men. As a campus that claims to be so committed to equal opportunity and cultural appreciation, we should be the school leading the way in support of women's athletics.

Mid-Continent Conference Final Standings

Women's Basketball

	Conference	Overall
Oakland	13-3	19-10
Youngstown State	12-4	20-8
Western Illinois	11-5	18-10
Valparaiso	10-6	16-11
Oral Roberts	8-8	12-15
Southern Utah	7-9	12-15
IUPUI	7-9	11-17
UMKC	4-12	9-20
Chicago State	0-16	0-27

Men's Basketball

Oakland	11-5	13-17
Valparaiso	10-6	17-12
UMKC	10-6	16-12
Southern Utah	10-6	15-12
Youngstown State	9-7	12-16
Oral Roberts	8-8	13-16
Chicago State	7-9	10-18
IUPUI	4-12	7-20
Western Illinois	3-13	8-22

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•**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** will be having an elections and general meeting at noon on March 9 in the Heritage Room.

•SPB is prepared to help you leave the country! Sign up for the trip to **TORONTO** at the CSA Service Window. The trip will take place April 14-16 and costs \$39.99. Price includes lodging and transportation.

•Looking for Mr. or Mrs. Right? Need a cure for the **DATING BLUES?** The Dating Doctor, David Coleman, is here to help. The interactive event will take place at noon on March 15 in the Fireside Lounge.

CONCERTS

•**KINA**, Dreamworks Recording Artist will perform a free show at 7 p.m. on March 10 at the Shelter, Detroit.

•Energetic ska band **MUS-TARD PLUG** will skank their way March 11, to the Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

•The **SUBTERRAINIAN TOUR** with Mr. C, Derek Plaslaiko, and Echo will bring their techno sounds to an 18+ show at 9 p.m. on March 14 at Motor Lounge, Hamtramck.

•Three songwriters will perform on one stage for an evening of solo acoustic acts. Gillian Welch, Greg Brown, and **ANI DIFRANCO** will perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 16 at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

COMING SOON

•**THE ROLLINS BAND** with special guest Apartment 26 is on their "Get Some, Go Again" Tour. They will visit Detroit at 6 p.m. on March 31 at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit.

•**METHODS OF MAYHEM** with Tommy Lee, Tilo, Stephen Perkins and Chris Chaney and Kai will bring their rap sound to an all ages show at 8 p.m. on April 6 to St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit.

•**STATIC-X** with special guests Pitchshifter and Reville will play an all ages show at 8 p.m. on April 27 at Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac.

PM5K

Powerman 5000: the band, the concert, the philosophy, the album



By Cara Plowman
Of The Oakland Post

On Feb. 25 a marriage of two lesser known bands occurred at Harpos, Detroit.

THE BANDS: Static-X opened up for Powerman 5000 to create a show like none other before. Wayne Static, tall hair and all, set the stage on fire and woke up the crowd, who stood in line for at least an hour prior. The music was hard, really hard. But, it was articulate and perfected.

THE CONCERT: The bands were full of energy and drive. All of them played and played until the mosh pit seemed to explode from overcrowding and force.

The highlight of the night was PM5K's cover of "Creep" by Radiohead. Spider drew out the lyrics to painful measures, stressing the point of the song beautifully.

But, that was one of the few 'slow songs.' Both Static-X and PM5K played all of their greatest songs. The fans could ask for nothing more.

THE PHILOSOPHY: Spider and his journey to his current success graces the magazine "AP" - in stores now. The fan of comic books attributes many things to the music the band plays now.

Maybe it was the music scene in Boston, where he, Al and Dorian first began the ten year trek to a platinum record. Maybe it was their appearance on 90210 or maybe it just runs in the family (his bro is Rob Zombie). What ever it is, it works.

THE ALBUM: The kids call it "Tonight the Stars Revolt!" And boy do they.

PM5K and Static-X are the first and best examples of a new sound that needs to be heard. In fact, they are forcing you to listen.

It's industry. It's metal. It's rap. It's heavy. It's the future. It's perfect.

The world is ready to go. Are you?

Check out a review of the album "Tonight the Stars Revolt" on page 4



Photos courtesy of Universal Music

PM5K: The band explores what would happen if worlds collided and the future was now. They, along with Static-X, played Harpos, Detroit Feb. 25. The sold out show left fans wanting more and wondering, 'Who are these guys? They rock!' (Clockwise from center) Spider, Dorian, M, Al and Adam.

New fleet mocks 'boy band' mania

Musical group 2Gether formed by MTV to make movie



Photo courtesy of MTV

NEW KIDS: They want you to buy the movie and the CD "2Gether."

By Cara Plowman
Of The Oakland Post

If you flipped on MTV in the last couple days you probably didn't keep it on for very long. MTV produced their own made for TV movie "2Gether" to examine the 'boy band' craze.

The five guys, Jerry O'Keefe (Evan Farmer), Q.T. McKnight (Michael Cuccione), Mickey Parke (Alex Solowitz), Chad Linus (Noah Bastian) and Doug Linus (Kevin Farley), were cast in defining roles such as "big brother-type," "the heartthrob" and "the bad boy." They preach, along with their manager the great Bob Buss (Alan

Blumenfeld), that what the world needs now is boy bands.

In more ways than one, the mock band is hilarious. But, the craziness has gone far enough. 2Gether released an album with eight original songs. What's up with that? When is the last time you bought the soundtrack to a made for TV movie?

They have gone over the top. It's one thing to make fun of a national obsession, but it's another to jump on the bandwagon and commit the same annoying offenses as everyone else.

The movie was often over dramatic and poorly acted. Throughout, the five boys spoke directly to the camera, diary-like. It grew tiresome to hear their child-like stories. The context was simplified and drawn out within one week. The band's manager, Buss, set out to collect his stereotypical group members for the sole purpose of making money.

The monetary aspect of the business is shown in the movie at an all-time low. It seems to be the only thing anybody is considering.

The whole thing should be taken with a grain of salt. It's supposed to be funny.

What ends up being the funniest part is the fact that MTV, who made the film, highlights more 'boy band' music than any other media. The publicity stunt has been revamped beyond insanity since the movie aired.

The CD features the 'hit' song (to state it loosely) "U+Me=Us (Calculus)." In the movie, the group performs the song and even choreographs some signature moves. If you like your music warm and cheesy, you should look no further.

The whole idea could have been really good had they kept things simple. The concept, instead, draws the exact crowd that loves Backstreet Boys, N'Sync etc. MTV has accidentally created a monster.

Beyond "Calculus" are the songs "Say It (Don't Spray It)," "Rub One Out," and "Before We Say Goodbye." The boys really do sing, which makes things interesting. Their voices just barely fall short of pleasant. Basically, you can tell that they are actors trying to be singers.

The album is comedy at its worst, but it is comic none the less.

"Have A Nice Day" goes between the ropes

By Joe Gray
Of The Oakland Post

For the wrestling fan, this book is a must read. Foley gives a lot of insight to what happens behind the scenes in the wrestling world, and he has many interesting tales of life on the road with many of the wrestling stars.

Foley writes about many of the greatest names in wrestling. Stories about Terry Funk, Ric Flair, Brett Hart, Vince McMahon, Jr. and many superstars past and present grace the pages of this New York Times best-seller.

When Foley is at his best, he goes beyond the stories of his wrestling characters Cactus Jack, Mankind and Dude Love, and tells the story of how he met his wife, and witnessed the birth of his two children.

"Day" is not a book for the squeamish. Foley recounts many tales of blood, broken bones and barbed-wire matches. The description of how he lost his ear while wrestling should not be read with a full stomach.

For the non-wrestling fan, "Day" is a chance to learn about some of the colorful people in the business, but some of the references toward wrestlers and the different promotions may not be understood. Foley does a good job of explaining wrestling terms, but it helps to already have an understanding of the language.

Mick Foley has been a professional wrestler for more than 15 years. He has suffered numerous injuries including two broken noses, five busted ribs and eight concussions to go along with the hundreds of stitches sewn into his battle-scarred body. Oh yeah, he had his ear ripped off in a wrestling match in Europe. Isn't professional wrestling supposed to be fake?

That is the question Foley has been asked countless times throughout his career. And, its the one he answers in his best selling book, "Have A Nice Day."

"Day" is the autobiography of Foley, and it tells the story of his climb from a teenage boy who dreams of headlining a show at Madison Square Garden to hard core wrestling legend.

The beauty of this book is that Foley doesn't insult the readers intelligence by pretending wrestling is not scripted. He admits to the fact that the matches are predetermined, but he will not concede that wrestling is fake. He has the injuries to prove how real it is.

"Day" is a quick read and Foley shows a remarkable ability to tell an interesting story.

"Have A Nice Day"

out of four stars

Troupe improves "Paradigm Lost"

Second City skits aimed at audience participation, input

By Gabriela Ardelean
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, is a comedy club that is guaranteed to be full of laughs. It is truly a unique comic experience.

The show that the troupe is performing at this time is "Paradigm Lost," (mainstage revue). It opened Feb. 9 and will run until May, every week Wed.-Sun.

The performers are Keegan-Michael Key, Marc Evan Jackson, Antoine McKay, Maribeth Monroe, Marc Warzecha and Nyima Woods. Together they put on a show that is based on improvisation, as well as audience participation.

The shows are composed of skits within skits, some of which are made up by the audience. This means that every show is different than the last one. It also means that the comics have to think fast and

utilize all of their talent.

Monroe gave an outrageously good performance. She played the roles of a singing nun, a minister and a southern belle. She has definite potential to become a household name one day.

After the show, the performers also do an 'unofficial' free show where the audience is welcome to join them on stage or ask them to perform certain skits.

The whole package is definitely one live perfor-

mance that is sure to turn anyone into a laughing hyena by the closing skit.

The whole night is cheap and entertaining. For a Wed., Thur., and Sun. the ticket price is \$10; It's \$17.50 on Fri. and \$19.50 on Sat. The show starts at 8 p.m. every night with a second showing at 10:30 on Fri. and Sat.

the many faces of Vincent van Gogh

The Detroit Institute of Arts will feature the art of Van Gogh (1853-1890) in their exhibit "Face to Face" beginning this Sunday.

The collection of portraits by the famous painter of the West was organized by the DIA, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The museum is preparing for record-breaking attendance during the next 12 weeks that the show will run. Featured in the exhibit are 35 paintings and 31 drawings.

The museum will be open seven days a week 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sun.-Thur., and 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Fri.-Sat..

Ticket prices (\$8-18) include admission to the museum and a timed walk through the Van Gogh exhibit. Call 248-433-8444 to purchase tickets in advance.

For all the information about the show, call 313-833-7971.

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PM5K questions existence, future

By Cara Plowman
OF THE OAKLAND POST

The future is now, at least in the eyes of Powerman 5000. Their sophomore album, "Tonight The Stars Revolt!" is a perfect medley of rock and hard-hitting, fast lyrics.

From the start of the CD the band reflects intelligence and strength in sound.

The first track presents a clear view of what is to come. It states, "...false security has lulled the madness of this world into a slumber. Wake up!! An eye is upon you..."

The band is Spider one, vocals, Al 3 on drums, Dorian 27 on bass, Adam 12 on guitar and 'M. 33' on guitar.

The band's bleak outlook on the future is present in almost every area of the album (with the exception of lead singer Spider's yellow hair).

These guys are on their way up, and they aren't wasting time. The first single off the album was "Nobody's Real." The industrial/futuristic look of the video is fresh and reflects the personality and theme of the band and the album.

This is the type of album that you can play beginning

to end and never touch the skip button. It is perfect for dancing, rocking out, making out or just driving around.

The best song on the disc is "When Worlds Collide." It is fun and packed with energy. Spider sings, "What is it really that motivates you, the need to fly or this fear to stop." The chorus is enough to bring the world to their feet.

The lyrics are balanced with hard guitar parts and unique beats.

One of the best cover songs of the past decade is the band's version of "[Let the] Good Times Roll."

Spider's big brother Rob Zombie makes an appearance in the song "Blast off to Nowhere." The track is so dark. It's almost scary.

Everything about this band is rich and full of talent, even the book you get in the CD. There are tons of pictures as well as all the lyrics.

The only music better than this disc is the actual band playing live.

The CD ends uncharacteristically. The song "Watch the Sky For Me" is a soft ballad. The lyrics are slow and Spider tones it down for a gentle sound. It's refreshing to hear a band with so many abilities and talents.

Books teach lessons never addressed in school

By Gabriela Ardelean
OF THE OAKLAND POST

A degree in anything may be the tool to help on the journey to employment but, there are also other tools to help with employment decisions.

Most colleges take measures to ensure that graduates are academically well-rounded by requiring students to take a variety of general education courses.

But being well-rounded consists of more than just knowing a bit of art history. Other things such as personal happiness, a healthy attitude and a fit body aid in finding your niche in the real world.

Five profound books also may help. They are "Life Colors" by Pamala Oslie, "The Greatest Salesman in the World" by Og Mandino, "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield, "The Art of Happiness" by The Dalai Lama and Howard C.

Cutler, M.D., and "Diet for a New America" by John Robbins.

"Life Colors" teaches us how to determine what career suits individual personality types and how to use this knowledge in improving overall relationships with family, friends and co-workers. This knowledge is attained by completing a questionnaire at the beginning of the book, which leads to different responses in the book.

"The Greatest Salesman in the World" teaches the secrets of every great seller; How they began, stay motivated and succeeded. It is written in a fictional context about a little boy named Hafid who goes on a journey in the pursuit of selling a robe.

"The Celestine Prophecy" teaches vital lessons of how to become aware of other human beings, how and why we interact the way we do and how to alter tomorrow's path based on today and yesterday. These lessons are learned through a fictional story of a dangerous journey to Peru to find

an ancient missing manuscript.

"The Art of Happiness" teaches compassion, the core essence of what makes us human beings, according to The Dalai Lama. It also brings into perspective anger, suffering and hatred. It will show how to deal with these strong emotions.

"Diet for a New America" addresses the foods that affect not only us but also all of Earth's creatures. It exposes the truth about America's meat industry and teaches what foods are best for optimum mental and physical performance.

One thing that all these books have in common is the prospect of waking us up to an array of possibilities we may not have questioned before. Through understanding of these themes, employment could be attainable and pleasant.

All of these books, along with a degree, can transform anyone into a healthy and happily employed human being. After all, isn't that the actual goal of every student?

Time wasted if happiness not pursued

There's a line from the film "American Beauty", directed by Sam Mendes that states, roughly, that "In order to be successful in life one must project the appearance of success."

It's a film about people who try to be someone they're not.

Now, this isn't a new theme. Everything from "Catcher in the Rye" to "Good Will Hunting" has explored it to death.

So why does the theme of image vs. reality and fake plastic people keep showing up again and again in the media?

I think it has a lot to do with a general identity crisis prevalent in our culture.

The average age of students at this university is in the late 20's.

Whether we take or skip classes, whether we choose to go out to the bar/cineplex/restaurant or stay at home, or whether we get the most or least out of OU, we're still in the formative years of our

lives. The first days of the rest of our lives, if you will.



MIKE MURPHY

This is what I mean: we assume, at least, that what we're studying will have something to do with the rest of our lives. We assume that the work ethic, social circle, and cultural tastes we're exposed to and belong to will remain basically the same. For the rest of our lives.

Is this where we magically, accidentally find ourselves? That's the idea, I think.

So, here and now, image is everything. And if we're thirsty, we're thirsty for identity.

There's a line from the book "Mother Night," written by Kurt Vonnegut that states, "You are who you pretend to be."

It's about a man who pretends to be something he's not.

If you are someone you're not, change. Simple as that. Don't hate what you are. Don't spend the next couple years and the

rest of your life studying and doing what you hate.

This is not a time for you to be influenced by parents, friends, or even professors, if you don't want to be. They all want to see you do different things, don't they? And in the struggle, you undergo trying to please them all, someone's going to be disappointed. Just don't disappoint yourself. Everyone else gets over it, but nobody else lives the rest of your life but you.

There's a line from an old philosopher, Confucius. He said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

He's got a point. If you don't like something about yourself or the world around you, now is the time to change it.

Change is all around us. The ambitious plan to move graduation succeeded, on this campus.

Our men's and women's basketball teams overcame injuries and tough first-half schedules to win conference titles through amazing winning streaks. They believed in

themselves and what they were doing, and accomplished great things.

Do you believe?

If not, aren't you just pretending?

Look. I know this sounds like a cheesy graduation address, and I know this is more preachy than I ought to sound. But when I do this, I do it as if there's no doubt in my mind that what I'm saying is true.

But in truth, what do I know? I'm 21. Have I lived enough to tell you what to do with your life? Not at all.

I know just enough to tell you this: Choose carefully.

For what's its worth, even I pretend to be something I'm not.

Who do you want to be today?

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The Rubdown on MASSAGE THERAPY

Massages offer benefits to the body

By Sara McDowell
Of THE OAKLAND POST

This isn't the era where blond bombshells named "Trixie" and "Bubbles" give massages. This is a time where massages are a healing art that benefit the body in many ways. There also used to be a stereotype that massages were considered to be a service to those who were rich, as a form of luxury. Again, times have changed.

Massage therapy can benefit anyone and is used quite often by stressed-out office workers, athletes and wellness enthusiasts. During a massage, soft music, incense, and scented oils may be used in order to enhance the experience. The oil has a particular use as it prevents the therapist from irritating the skin during vigorous moves. Various oils tend to aid the body. Rose oil improves the circulation of the blood flow. Ylang-ylang oil relieves muscle knots and aches. Lemon oil relieves the tone of the skin.

To perform a massage, stroking is done to the skin. Usually this is done with the hands and fingers as they rub, knead, and caress the body. A massage therapist will usually try to locate the tense muscles and apply pressure to them. Muscle tension is controlled by the brain, usually reflecting on the person's psychological state. The soothing physical sensations produced by massage feed back to the brain and reduce anxiety. The brain, in return, tells all of the muscles to relax and unwind. That is why massaging one area can produce a body-wide feeling of relaxation.

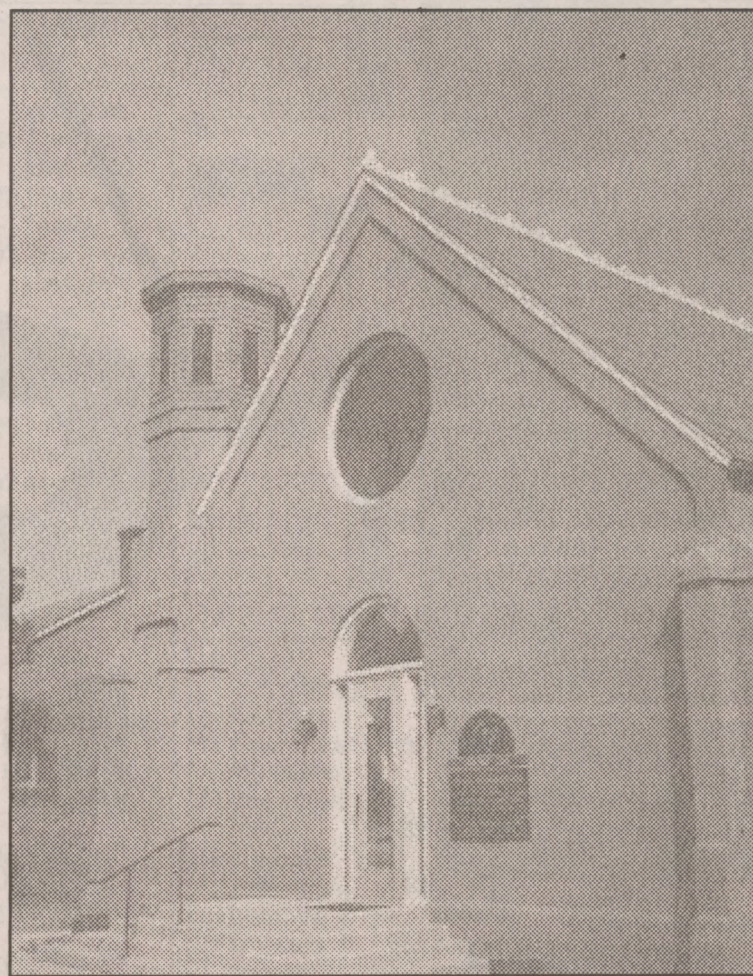
Massage therapy is the ancient healing art that has been around since before 3000 B.C. Although some of the techniques of massage have been around for ages, the field expanded profoundly as a health-care specialty only after World War I. During this time massage was used as a way to help wounded soldiers.

Massage affects the entire body. It is known to increase the circulation of blood and flow of lymph. Nerve receptors are also stimulated and this causes blood vessels to dilate which also aids in the flow of blood. By stimulating nerves, the supply of blood to internal organs can be improved. The oxygen capacity of blood can increase by 10-15% after having a massage, according to researchers. Although massages do not directly increase the strength of muscles, it can speed the recovery of sprains and strains on the body. This is possible because the growth and repair of damaged tissue is accelerated by the increase of circulation to the injured area. The nervous system can also be balanced by massage as it is soothed and stimulated. Skin condition can even be improved from massages. A massage directly improves the function of oil and sweat glands which help in keeping the skin cool and clean. Overall circulation is also improved within the body.

Rochester Massage Therapy and Herbal Health Care located in downtown Rochester provides a warm and friendly atmosphere. The staff consists of three massage therapists. Marin Corby, the owner, has been in the massage business for over twenty years.

"We mostly do Swedish traditional massage," said Natalia O'Neill, a massage therapist at Rochester Massage Therapy and Herbal Health Care. "Massage is very beneficial. It relaxes muscles, and helps the lymph nodes to drain, and helps the body keep a fine balance. The immune system improves with massage as it cleanses your system and improves circulation," said O'Neill.

Massage allows someone to have a general well being. When someone feels good physically, the emotional side of them also tends to feel better. Having a healthy, relaxed body puts a person in a better mood. Massage can calm the mind through calming the body. Whether it be to reduce headaches, arthritis, stiffness, soreness or muscle spasms, a massage works its magic.



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KNEADING RELIEF: The Rochester Massage Therapy and Herbal Health Care offices are located at 226 Walnut Blvd. in downtown Rochester.



HEALING HANDS: The Power of Touch offers massages at 202 E. Fourth St. in downtown Rochester.

Motorcycles allow freedom on the road

I'm a fairly adventurous person. I've been



SARA McDOWELL

hiking, horseback riding, white water rafting, canoeing, driven a four-wheeler, even been skydiving, but I'd never been on a motorcycle, that is, until last week during Winter Break.

I went to South Carolina to visit my sister, and while I was there I rode on her boyfriend's motorcycle with him. Sure, I've heard the terms for different bikes before, CBR 600F3, Suzuki GSX, Kawasaki ZX6's, a Kawasaki Ninja, etc., but I never really knew what the difference in them were. Apparently the lower the number the smaller the bike, and the easier to handle.

My sister's boyfriend, Jason, has a Kawasaki Ninja 900RR. While at Isle of Palms, forty-five minutes from my sister's house, it was decided that I would ride home on the back of Jason's bike. I had been wanting to ride it for a long time, and finally had my chance. However, we didn't have a helmet with us. No problem though. South Carolina doesn't have a law that requires helmets. I find this especially strange because administering tattoos are illegal in the state. It is fine for someone to ride around at 70mph without a helmet, yet wanting to put some harmless art on your body is prohibited.

I climbed on the bike and we rode off. The sound of the cars zigging by made swooshing noises in my ears. The wind was strong and I positioned my face to the right in order to avoid the wind. At times I felt as if

I was a cartoon character with a face that was being pulled back. I guess that is what riding into the wind at 70mph can do to you.

I also felt as if I was in The Phantom Menace, and was pod racing. When I looked forward, I could see Jason's reflection in the glass that covers the speedometer and other gauges. It reminded me of young Anakin Skywalker as he raced Sebula.

Riding on his motorcycle also reminded me of a rollercoaster ride. I wanted to put up my hands and enjoy the rush of the wind. Knowing that if you let go you'll be exposed to the elements of nature and the hard pavement produces a dangerous feeling. One wrong movement could cause drastic consequences. Then it happened. There was an accident. Not with us though,

a car accident ahead of us, causing a traffic jam on the freeway. As we crawled to a stop, moving inches at a time, it was amazing to be able to sit back with the sun beating down, palm trees and water around me, to enjoy the view and to relax, loosen my hold and to enjoy the scenery.

I understand why people like driving and riding motorcycles now. They make you feel free. Free in the outdoors, not trapped inside a car, plus you are able to zip in and out of traffic.

The next day I went for another ride, this time with a helmet. I still felt free, but knew I was protected if I fell off, and a bit of the sense of adventure and danger was gone. I felt like a Stormship Trooper in the helmet, so I guess that makes up for it.

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For Your ENTERTAINMENT

CD release

Smashing Pumpkins

The latest Pumpkins' CD smashed into stores on Feb. 29. "Machina: The Machines of God," is the first CD from the Pumpkins since the '98 release of the electronically influenced "Adore." "Machina" features Jimmy Chamberlain back on drums and newly recruited bassist Melissa Auf Der Maur, the former bassist of Hole.

spinning

Carl Cox

IN-tech Records U.S. Tour 2000 featuring Carl Cox in his first Detroit appearance, Trevor Rockcliffe, DJ C1, and Magda will show they are the masters of their craft when they spin at 8 p.m. on March 22 at Motor Lounge, Hamtramck. This is a special event opened for those 18+.

concert

Mixmaster Mike


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club

Mardi Gras Party

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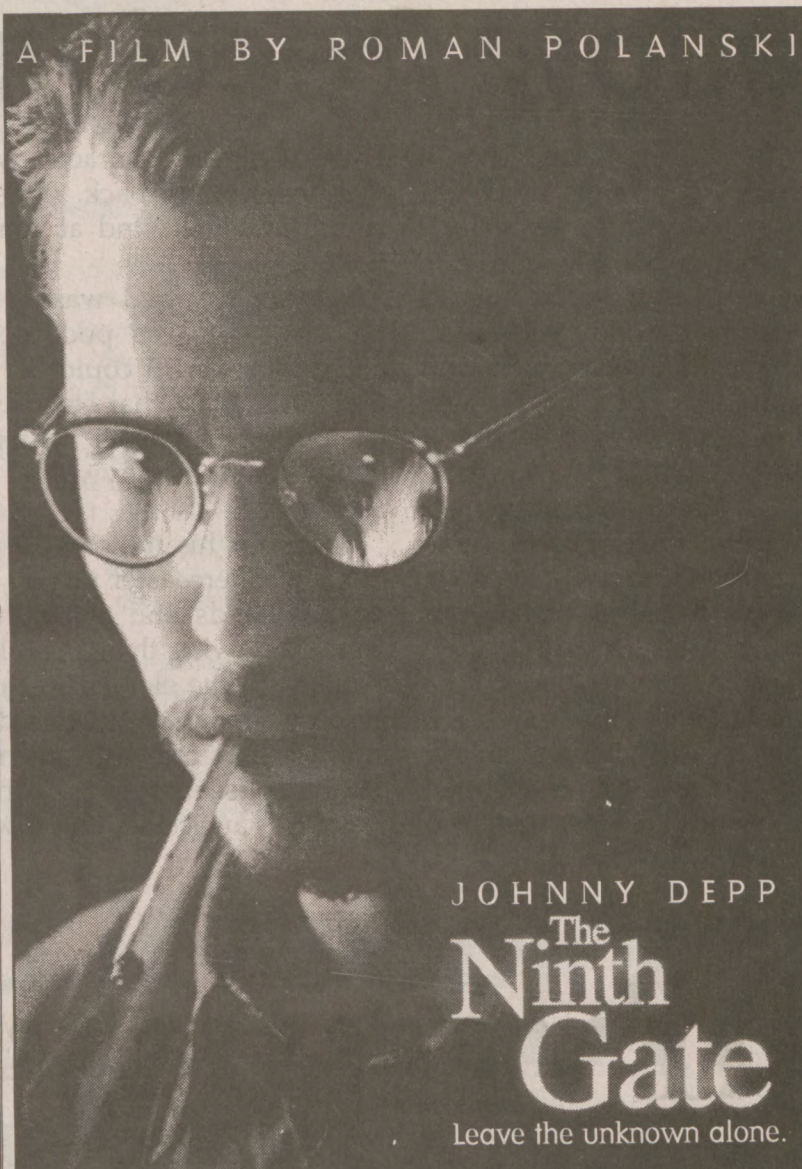
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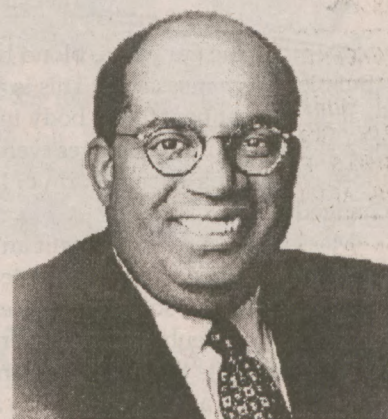
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The Student Life Lecture Board is pleased to announce that Al Roker, of NBC's Today Show will be it's first speaker of 2000. Roker will be visiting Oakland University on March 21, the first full day of spring. His lecture will be at 3:00 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets for lecture will be available at the CSA Service Window. For OU

Students, tickets will be free, OU Faculty, Staff and OU Alumni Association members, \$5.00 each and guests and the general public will be \$7.00. Tickets will be available on Monday, February 14.

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- Sign up for SPB's April Trip to Toronto
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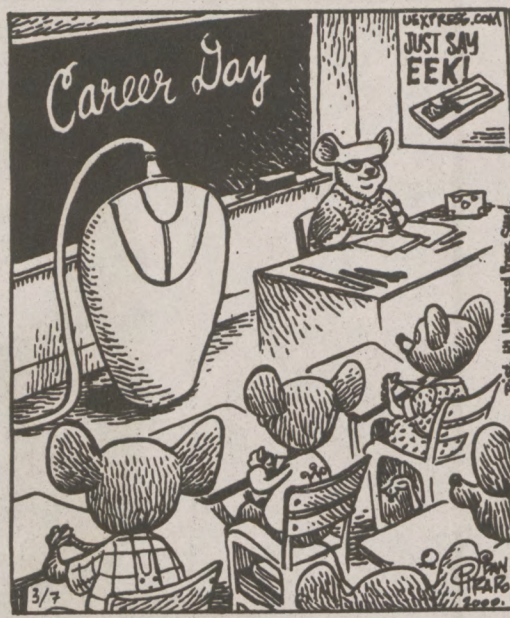
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Damon's Signs of the Times

March 8 - March 14



ARIES (March 21-April 20) — You probably will lose your temper during the week, but try to use your emotional energy to take care of business. If you avoid power trips you will get a lot more done.



TAURUS (April 21-May 20) — Your daily routine will be altered this week, either by yourself or by outside influences; don't be afraid to go with the flow. Ask for what you want in relationships and you'll probably get it.



GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Communicating at work (or in general) has probably been difficult lately; use this time to think about what you say and how you really feel. Don't get wrapped up in irrelevant problems.



CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Your boss might be difficult at work this week, though you have to take responsibility for your part in the conflict. This may not be the best time to travel, but take advantage if it does come up.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Try not to go overboard on sexual or financial matters this week; it is easy to make a complicated matter even more complicated. A surprise love interest may enter your life.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Sit down and rest this week if possible; work will probably not be really productive anyway. Put some thought into the direction of your career and your plans for the future.



LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 22) — Sudden opportunities, romantic or otherwise, are likely this week; take advantage of them. Conflicts are likely with people you are close to, but they will be resolved by next week.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — You've got plenty of energy this week — perhaps too much energy. Stay positive and concentrate on an area of your life (romance, work, etc.) that you want to improve yourself in.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Emotional conflicts from the past come to the surface; deal with them well. Though you may be ready to move forward, circumstances require you to deal with unresolved issues.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Financial problems conflicts from the past come to the surface; deal with them well. Though you may be ready to move forward, circumstances require you to deal with unresolved issues.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Sudden attractions to things and people are likely; be sure to differentiate between infatuation and love. A family squabble could turn ugly if you don't hold your tongue.



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Time spent alone is more productive than with others. Financial problems can lead to a windfall of resources; stay optimistic and make opportunities to receive more money.

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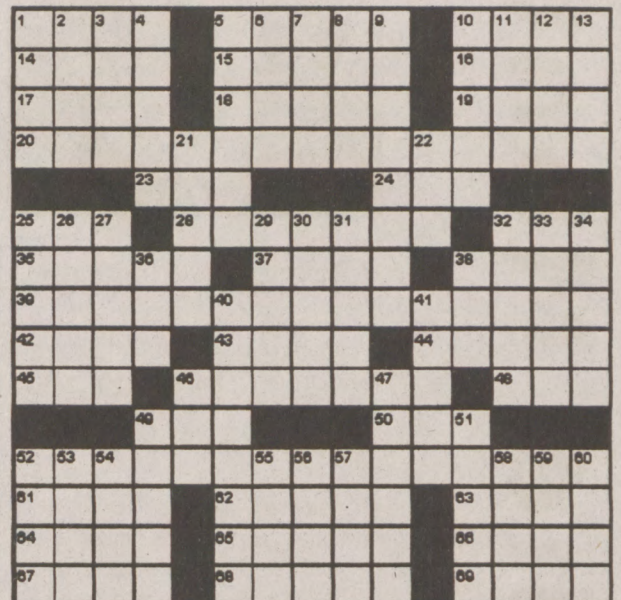
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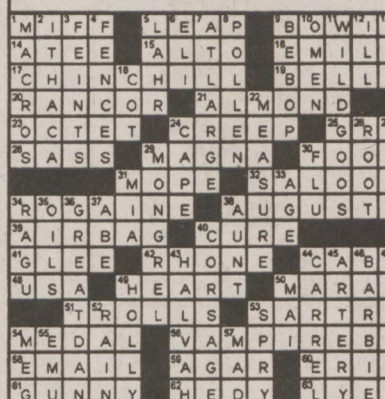
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Web Girl is the coolest web-surfer at THE OAKLAND POST. Check out this space every week as she takes you on a trip through cyberspace, exploring the strangest, funniest and most interesting websites on the Internet. Take it away Web Girl...

Firetalk.com

makes your Internet your telephone on the online world. Download the free software and you're on your way to making FREE worldwide calls, FREE chatting and instant messaging on any website, FREE conference calling and FREE voice mail.

Those obsessed with their gaseous talents should check out **Farts.com** and **Belch.com**. Both sites have numerous wav files to hear, as well as the anatomy of the eruptions, and even how to "improve" your windy "performance." Send your friends a free fart or burp e-card on the sites. Belch.com even has a female performers section that will have you laughing.

Easter is around the corner, and those yummy (or disgusting, depending on how you look at it) marshmallowy treats known as Peeps are already in stores. Artist David Ottogalli looks at them in a different light, making wild and bright pictures, magnets and more with rows and rows of colored Peeps and marshmallow bunnies at **www.PeepsShow.com**. Also, check out the original Peeps site, at **www.MarshmallowPeeps.com**.



If you have any questions, comments or cool websites you can contact Web Girl at

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Players of the Month



GEORGI KINSELA

❖ Women's Swimming

❖ Breaststroke

Kinsela set four school records and three NIC records last weekend. She also is the first athlete from OU to qualify for NCAA competition since the move to Division I.



SARA SKUTT

❖ Women's Basketball

❖ Guard

During the Mid-Con Tournament Skutt shot 5-6 from the field and 3-4 from the three point line during Monday's game against Valparaiso.



THIAGO ORSO

❖ Men's Swimming

❖ Freestyle/Backstroke

During the NIC Championship meet Orso was part of the winning 800y freestyle relay which gave the men a third place finish overall.



JASON ROZYCKI

❖ Men's Basketball

❖ Guard

Rozycki scored the clinching shot during overtime of the Oral Roberts game on Feb. 26. This final shot sent the men to first place in the Mid-Con.

Oakland University Presents: The 2000 Student Life Lecture Series

Al Roker

"Let Your Smile Be Your Umbrella"



Al Roker will talk about television, his family and having a positive attitude. His uplifting message will encourage you to reach for excellence and inspire you to live your life to the best of your potential.

Tuesday, March 21, 2000 • 3:00 p.m. • Meadow Brook Theatre

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

Free for Oakland University Students (OU students must have a ticket for admission). Tickets are available at the Center for Student Activities (CSA) Service Window. One free ticket per student until sold out.
\$5 for Oakland University Employees and OU Alumni Association Members on sale at the CSA Service Window.
\$7 for the General Public on sale at the CSA Service Window.
Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 2:00 p.m. the day of the lecture.

This lecture will be interpreted for the deaf. Anyone needing special assistance to attend this lecture should call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400.

Presented with the support of the Office of Student Affairs, the OU Forensics Team and the Oakland University Student Congress.

Oakland University is located one mile east of exit 79 off I-75 (University Drive). For additional information, call the Center for Student Activities Office at (248) 370-2400, or visit Oakland University's web site at www.oakland.edu.

Spring Cleaning Sale

Stock up for
Spring Break.
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